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Motion to postpone defeated

Faculty Increases Student Rep

by Joseph Rikhof

The postponed portion of last February 16th's Faculty Council meeting finally ended on March 4 when Faculty Council decided to increase student representation. This was not too surprising. The surprise lay more in the fact that the vote was so overwhelming (17 in favour, 6 against, 2 abstentions). Surprising as well were the attempts of Professors de Mestral and H.P. Glenn to postpone the decision for another 6 weeks.

A Motion to Postpone

This motion was announced by the Dean who expressed uneasiness with the timing that the document presented. After some debate on how to approach such a motion it was decided that Prof. H.P. Glenn, who was carrying the delay torch from Prof. Scott, could introduce the motion to postpone. In the meantime, Prof. Grey had been able to state that this motion was inappropriate because the reason to postpone a decision lies in the hope that the issue might go away. The fact that the issue was not sufficiently discussed and the impossibility of resolving the problem was not present meant that there were no merits for postponement. Prof. Glenn then asked the Council to postpone its decision because more data was required. This motion was not presented in bad

faith; rather the idea being that the more information Faculty Council had the better its decision would be. He offered to complete the gathering of data, that he had already started during the study break, within three to four weeks, and to submit a report based on that information.

Part Two of the Motion

Prof. de Mestral presented the second part of this motion. This part called for a change in structure, with more information from other universities whereby it would be possible to locate the problems in governing a law faculty. He stressed that one of the problems was that students

were insufficiently aware of the problems of the faculty. After citing Harvard as an example of a great law school which is run without student representation he pleaded to look where the real problems were in the faculty instead of making the symbolic gesture of student representation.

Speaking next were the professors who wanted to remove this added barrier to the original issue. However, Prof. Scott, not willing to give up his dominant position of the previous session, caused a comic break by demanding that a student be removed because of his hissing and murmur-

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E.T. «HAROLD» Q.C.

by Lynn Bailey

David Hirsch's stage production "E.T., Q.C." opened last weekend to a cynical but expectant audience in the glittering Union Ballroom. With the help of Pearl Eliadis and Heather Matheson, this brilliant combination of humour, mystery, satire and audacity kept the audience on the edge of their seats from start to finish and can only be declared the smash hit of the 1983 theatrical season.

Act 1 opens with an insight into modern alien living. The two upon which

the play focuses, Captain ULTRA and his assistant VIRES (Owen Kurtin and Bill Tresham), are sent to earth, assigned the task of searching for the greatest lawyer in the universe. Their mission entails the observation of several formidable earth characters, the director making use of his all-star cast.

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Staff Meeting

All Quid Novi staffers and other interested parties must attend Monday's meeting at 1 p.m. in Room 204

Student Representation**Cont'd from p. 1**

ing. A motion to that effect was convincingly defeated.

Motion Dilatory in Its Effects

Prof. Wade found the motion dilatory in its effects because it would violate a gentlemen's agreement with the LSA not to have a Faculty Council meeting during the last two weeks of classes. Moreover, he was surprised by the fact that some members of the faculty who had said before how worn down they were by this issue now needed more time to gather more data. "Have we been so stupid for so long?" he asked the council. Prof. Tetley expressed concern that if the motion would be delayed for six weeks it would be put off for a whole year. Prof. Cotler was the strongest in his objections. He was of the opinion that the relevant information was already available. The information sought by the motion, namely of universities outside Canada, would be out of context because of the different legal culture. He addressed Prof. de Mestral's Harvard example by saying that it might very well be that because there is no student representation, an ABA requirement for accreditation, that law school is moving from crisis to crisis. He also noted the problem to decide which outside universities should be considered for information. In his opinion Canadian data should be considered. Therefore he proposed to oppose Part A of the motion but to accept Part B, which would look at the problems of the faculty with greater student representation. Prof. Macdonald came with a practical proposal. He thought that Prof. Glenn's offer to compile data should be accepted, not to study if schools in the U.S.A. and

the like had student representation (they do not) but to decide, based on that data, what issues students should be allowed to vote in.

In his rebuttal Prof. Glenn stated that in spite of the different methods of pedagogy, information of universities outside Canada could be illuminating. On top of that, the Canadian data would be incomplete. All he was asking for was to make a submission in four weeks in order for Faculty Council to make a better decision. However, Faculty Council felt they were perfectly capable of making a decision then and there, as the motion was defeated 16-6. Although his motion might have been defeated, Prof. Glenn most certainly was not. He presented a thorough and well-prepared exposé on the merits of student representation.

Students Don't Need More Service

First of all, Prof. Glenn viewed the motion for increased student representation as a reflection of the present trend to systematically attack education. There have been new developments on the educational level. The "no failure" principle introduced because of the cooperation of students is being repudiated, the F is again used in Ontario secondary schools. "Are we supposed to do what was done in the past in Ontario, something which was intellectually bankrupt?" Canadian law schools, except McGill, do not meet international standards and the causality is clear. The other law schools are service faculties. They respond to pressure closest to them. They want to go along with students. In the last decade a whole range of changes have been introduced at McGill. Rereads of exams, tutorials, supplemental exams. Add to that the mark-

ing of papers, the mootings obligations, the preparation of casebooks, acting as liaison with the Bar, all things that other universities don't do. Those things are all done because of pressure. With student representation, McGill would become a service faculty, when it is already spending a lot of time on service functions which students need no more of. The Faculty has systematically acceded to requests to give more. This had to stop, Prof. Glenn concluded.

Prof. Scott decided to give a short synopsis of what he had already put forward two weeks ago. He was worried about the voting pattern of the alliance of benevolent people who thought that the issue would go away. It would not, he exclaimed. Prof. Macdonald was the last speaker during the 15 minutes that the meeting was extended overtime. He considered the justifications given to increase student representation fallacious. He felt closest to Prof. Glenn's analysis of all that was said on this topic. And there will come a time that there will be no representative on Council. However, the only justification, in Prof. Macdonald's opinion, of the importance of the issue was the fact that faculty was worried about 2 or 3 more students on council. If students are carefully chosen, matters could be discussed more seriously. He hoped that the Dean would investigate the issue of governance of the law faculty in the form of a student-representation committee.

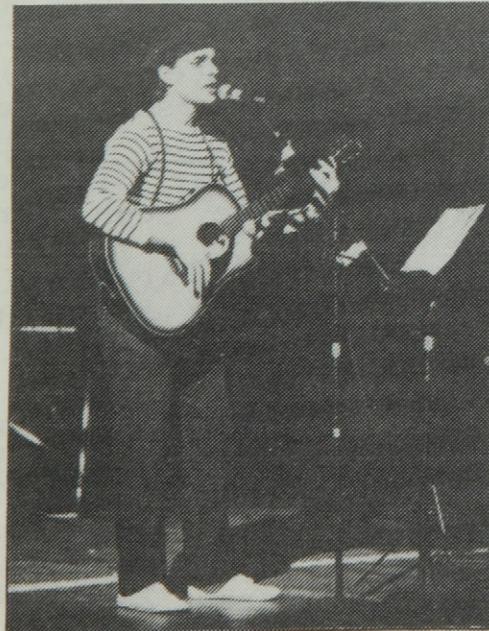
This concluded the speaker list and the 50 students saw professors Durnford, Sklar, Wade, Stevens, Tetley, Macdonald, Crépeau, Magdalénat, Vlasic, Cohen, Bradley, Matte, Cotler, Baker, Simmonds, Grey, and Morissette vote in favour of

the motion while Profs. Bridge, Cantin-Cumyn, H.P. Glenn, Scott, J. Glenn and de Mestral voted against with Prof. Birks and Somerville as the only abstentions. The onlookers took the decision very calmly without any outbursts of joy.

E.T.

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After a life-like encounter with Mrs. Hale, the aliens discover Bertha, Bora and the Ottawa Five, all of whom dance beautifully and one of whom needs corrective chest surgery as soon as possible. A reassuring visit to Mr. Roger's neighbourhood with Tim Baikie demonstrates the child's play of suing the federal government, and a touching portrayal of Rocky IV with John "Adrian!" Webster brings back memories of the knockouts suffered in Mooting I. VIRES's introduction to an aerobic dancer (Judy Mendel) appears to be the high point of his trip. The exact nature of the encounter is cleverly disguised but the pleasure appears to displace even VIRES's love for the Mars bar.



The group whose lifestyle has sunk to the lower degree of degradation appears to be the professional staff. The revealing

glances into their personal dilemmas with Pat Benaroch only causes the aliens and the captivated audience to shake their heads in disgust. A commendable attempt by the more hearty members of this pathetic group (Profs. de Mestral, Bridge, Somerville, and Baker), to reinstate their status as proud but oppressed individuals, is soon forgotten when compared to the awesome displays of singing, dancing and general success by the rest of the earthlings. The frantic pace was brought to a halt when the O'Keefe Caravan arrived at half-time.



A soft enchanting ballad dedicated to the well-known but elusive tycoon Harold, by Joanie Vance, creates a feeling of apprehension which flavours the next few acts. A group of frighteningly realistic Stephen Scott look-alikes demonstrate on his behalf and of course, the inevitable appearance of the Blues Brothers, flown in at great expense, heightens the dramatic electricity in the last portion of the show.

Bruce Fitzsimmon's guitar interlude drew such tremendous applause that some in the crowd thought that the elusive E.T., Q.C. might appear in a somewhat larger form than anticipated.

The final moments of the performance bring terrific suspense and anxiety. Will ULTRA and VIRES wander through this pathetic mass of legal degeneration for-

ever? The intelligent viewer recalls that these two discovered the earth -- drink BEER during the intermission and have become increasingly confused ever since. Jane Glenn (Antoinette Bozac) crime fighter is more than they can handle.

Finally, the crowd watched with incredulity as Harold was plucked from his seat and given an honourable if somewhat unsteady ride to his place on the stage. The mystery had been solved. Who else but Harold, future leader of the Canadian legal community, could fill the shoes of the incredible E.T., Q.C.? The applause was terrific.

There have been many attempts in the last half century to convey a political message through the theatre. The message in "E.T., Q.C." is perhaps the most overpowering and undeniable to be found: Harold for President.



Newspapers

A contribution from the Dean's office has made it possible to acquire Le Devoir, The Globe and Mail, and The New York Times. These newspapers are now available in the reading section on the fourth floor of the Law Library.

Grâce à une contribution du bureau du Doyen, il a été possible de s'abonner au Devoir, au Globe and Mail ainsi qu'au New York Times. Ces journaux sont maintenant disponibles dans l'aire réservée à la lecture au quatrième étage de la bibliothèque de droit.

Quid Novi

Quid Novi is published weekly by the students of McGill Faculty of Law. Weekly meetings are held every Monday at 1 p.m. in Room 204. This week's Special Guest Appearances in alphabetical order are: L. Bailey, D. Barker, P. Eliadis, S. Fisher, I. Fraser, D. Gogek, R. Janda, P. Mayer, B. Mitchell, H. Pallard, J. Rikhof, D. Sokolyk, M. Turcotte, J. Vance, G. Witte, and D. Xistris.



Election Info.

1. Nominations are open for the following positions:

- 1) President
- 2) Vice-President Civil Law
- 3) Vice-President Common Law
- 4) Vice-President University Affairs
- 5) Secretary
- 6) Treasurer
- 7) Student Representative on Faculty Council (4 positions are open: 3 undergraduate and 1 graduate student).
- 8) Class President BCL II
- 9) Class President LLB II
- 10) Class President BCL III
- 11) Class President LLB III
- 12) Class President BCL IV/LLB IV

2. Students interested in running for one of the above positions must complete and submit a nomination paper in the following manner:

a) The nomination paper must read:

"We, the undersigned nominate _____, for the position of _____ for the 1983-84 academic year."

b) All nomination papers except those for Class Presidents must be signed by 20 students eligible to vote pursuant to Art. II of the LSA Constitution. Nomination

Editorial

A New Beginning

Last Wednesday's overwhelming vote by professors to increase student representation on Faculty Council marks a new beginning for the law school. The 17-6 vote (with two abstention) is in stark contrast with last year's 5-15 (two abstentions) rejection of a similar proposal. This change is important for two reasons. First, faculty members have demonstrated that they are prepared to meet difficult issues head on. Second, despite student-faculty tensions in the past, it shows that professors do have confidence in students' ability to participate.

Student representation is just the first step in a series of questions raised by the recent University Review of the Law Faculty. Over the next few years, Faculty Council will be asked to decide issues which may reshape virtually every aspect of the school. The fact that professors have now welcomed a meaningful participation by students on Faculty Council indicates that these issues can and should be examined jointly in a spirit of co-operation. It also underlines the importance of having concerned and responsible student representatives who are prepared to address short and long-term considerations.

By voting to increase student representation, professors have expressed their trust rather than suspicion. This trust should not be squandered. We owe it to ourselves and to this Law Faculty not to do so.

**Roger Cutler
President, Law Students Association**

**Stephen Fogarty
Class President,
BCL II**

papers for Class Presidents must contain 10 signatures of students in the candidate's own program and year.

indicate their program and year.

d) Nomination papers must be handed to the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) no later than Thursday, March 17th, 1983 5:00 p.m. Papers submitted after this date will not be considered. Delivery of nomination papers to the SAO c/o Anna Chang, CRO, shall constitute delivery to the CRO.

Art.II Election of the members of the Executive
II.1 The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by all the members of the Association.

II.2 The Vice President Civil Law shall be elected exclusively by Civil Law students, members of the Association, and the Vice-President Common Law shall be elected exclusively by Common Law Students, members of the Association.

II.3 The Student Representatives on Faculty Council shall be elected by all members of the Association.

c) When signing a nomination paper, students shall

3. CAMPAIGNING shall begin no earlier than 5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 17th, 1983. Campaigning shall cease at 11:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 23rd, 1983, by which time all candidates or their representatives must remove all posters, signs and notices pertaining to the campaign.

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Women and the Liberal State

by Ian Fraser

Last Thursday, Women in the Law presented Beverley Baines, Professor of Law at Queen's University. Her talk represented recent research based on an article on the same subject by Catherine MacKinnon and a book describing an ideal liberal state by Bruce Ackerman (one of these names will strike a progressive bell for attentive Contracts students). As Baines warned, understanding what she had to say was difficult without any familiarity with these two works.

The problem Baines posed, which is the theme of the Women and the Law course she teaches at Queen's, is whether gender should be recognized by the law. She began with MacKinnon's view that the determinant factor in the existing role of gender is an objectifying sexuality; women are significant primarily as objects of sexual desire. The solution can only be a different sexuality, one which involves no objectification. Liberalism blocks this solution by recognizing women only as citizens -- MacKinnon requires as a first step to a new sexuality the self-determination of women as women.

Baines disagrees. The source of objectification characterizing existing

sexuality is not desire, but the fact that only women get pregnant. Men must establish claims to children. This necessarily entails establishing relationships with women who produce children -- and that is now done simply by establishing claims to women. The objectification of children brings in its train the objectification of women. And nothing will change after MacKinnon's revolution in consciousness and the directions of desire. The point of that conclusion, from Baines' perspective, is that it takes the sting out of MacKinnon's opposition to liberalism.

So, on to a proponent of liberalism. Ackerman's ideal form is based on the adjustment of power exclusively through the "liberal dialogue", characterized by rationality, neutrality and consistency. Every actor is able rationally to justify its power, without asserting a privileged insight into philosophy and morality.

Can this system deal with the power struggle over unborn children? Ackerman says it can, by taking the actors to be not two genders but two generations. Here was the nub of Baines' talk: she disagrees with Ackerman's transposition of the struggle. It is a useful step in analysis, but it simply fails to describe

reality, which would seem to imply agreement with MacKinnon (albeit for different reasons) unless Baines can find a way for liberal dialogue to handle the pregnancy problem with the genders as actors.

This she cannot do. The outcome of such a dialogue seems only to be stalemate, with the conservation of ideal liberalism on the one hand, and the domination of one gender on the other. The latter alternative solves the problem, but abrogates liberalism. This domination of mothers by fathers is the real force behind the pervasive domination of female by male, even if the principle which organizes that domination is the unidirectional sexuality which MacKinnon decries.

So what answer to the initial question does this support -- should the law recognize gender, or merely

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March 8

Women's Day

On March 8, 1857, women from the garment and textile industry in New York staged a demonstration protesting low wages, the 12-hour work day, and increasing workloads. Their march was dispersed by the police with some of the women arrested. Three years later these women formed a union and called for the same demands to be met.

On March 8, 1908, thousands of women from the needle-trade industry demonstrated again for these demands, as well as for legislation against child labour and for the right of women to vote.

In 1910, Clara Zetkin, the German labor leader, proposed that March 8 be declared International Women's Day in memory of these earlier struggles.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S WEEK AT CONCORDIA

Wednesday, March 9
Women and Violence
1:15 films: "Peur de..." and "Mourir à Tue-Tête", H-435.

Thursday, March 10
Women and Health
1:30 film: "Regarde... Elle a les Yeux Grands Ouverts", H-937.

3:00 speaker from the Boston Women's Health Collective, H-937.

Friday, March 11
Women and Peace
1:00 workshop: "Non-Violence and Civil Disobedience", H-651.
8:00 film première: "Dream of a Free Country: A Message from Nicaraguan Women", an NFB film, H-110.

Women in the Law

Dr Don Bates

by Ian Fraser

Beginning a short series of lectures and debates on nuclear disarmament, Dr. Don Bates, from the McGill Study Group on Peace and Disarmament, presented some slides and discussion last Thursday night.

He made four essential points: Nuclear war will be total. Even the smallest fragment of the Soviet or American nuclear forces is capable of destroying the other side. Each must aim at annihilation if it is to aim at all, and from the Soviet point of view Canada is the northernmost state.

Disarmament movements need only concentrate on the superpowers. One of the Khaddafi's of the world is bound to set off a bomb in anger sometime before this century is out, but what

really matters to the world is what happens then, and that depends on the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R.

Between the superpowers, a mutual freeze must be achieved, leading to reductions of weapons. Verification is feasible through current satellite technology, assuming surveillance attempts are not resisted. Even a prohibition of tests would be very significant, since testing is essential for the mere maintenance of nuclear stockpiles.

What is required to achieve this end are alternative inputs to the decision makers of the two super powers. The possible sources of input are popular movements and scientists. In America, these two may operate in conjunction, the first stimulating the second; in Russia the burden lies upon the scientists.

Bliss, with results Baines would never endorse.

Baines

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pregnancy, or only citizens? This question remains open -- Baines' article remains in progress. On the one hand pregnancy is the core of the problem and should, presumably, be addressed openly. On the other hand, that is precisely what Ritchie appears to do in

The conclusion, then: the law should indeed recognize gender. But in ways consistent with the view that the primary significance of gender is not in sexual activity but in child-bearing. Thus the liberal dialogue -- one assumes liberal law -- may at least focus on the real issue.

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A Gale Second

by Dave Griffiths

With a history of difficulty at the Gale Cup Moot competition, McGill managed to pull out all the stops Feb. 25-27 and come home with an impressive second place finish. Never lacking in talent, McGill this year showed how a little extra time for preparation and practice can pay off.

The sterling talent and effort of Jerome Bartlett, Neil Cobb, Celia Rhea and Susan Zimmerman outshone the opposing counsel from the University of Saskatchewan and the defending champions from the University of British Columbia. Rumours that U.B.C. had spent more time preparing scotch and water than preparing their arguments did not detract from the achievement of the team. McGill squeezed out the University of Toronto on the basis of points awarded for oral pleading and finished just one judging point behind Queen's who won the honour of representing Canada at the first annual Commonwealth competition in Hong Kong in September 1983.

The problem this year was the recent Supreme Court of Canada decision in Amato v. The Queen (a 4-4-1 split) taken on appeal to the Moot Court of the Canadian Bar Association (Ontario). For the purposes of the moot the Charter was deemed to be available in support of the defence of entrapment to a narcotics trafficking charge. Everyone's favourite powder-nosed hairdresser, Victor Amato, was not available for comment. An effort to pass the hat to raise Victor's \$3,000 fine was also not successful.

The support shown by students and faculty (es-

Tribunal-Ecole

Sous la présidence de l'Honorable Marcel Crête, Juge en chef du Québec, se déroulera à l'Université de Montréal (amphithéâtre G-2215, 3101 chemin de la Tour, angle Queen Mary et Decelles) les 11 et 12 mars prochains le Ve concours du TRIBUNAL-ECOLE INTER-FACULTES 1983.

Les concurrents, venus des cinq facultés de droit civil du Canada, plaident en appel d'un jugement fictif de la Cour supérieure rejetant le recours de Mme Deslandes et de son fils contre la Cie Thermocycle pour dommages et intérêts causés par l'utilisation d'un micro-ordinateur. L'appel soulève principalement des questions de responsabilité civile du fabricant et de protection du consommateur.

Notre équipe, composée de Bobby Bonhomme et Bruce Fitzsimmons, défend les intérêts de Mme Deslandes et de son fils et plaidera son mémoire le 11 mars à 9h30. Le lendemain à 15h00 nos valeureux représentants feront valoir leurs talents juridiques en défendant la cause de leurs "adversaires."

La lutte cette année devrait être serrée, McGill ayant raflé les honneurs de la compétition au cours des dernières années, et les autres équipes étant plus déterminées que jamais à déloger notre faculté de son trône. Y réussiront-elles?

Anne Cournoyer
Moot Court Board

pecially Blaine Baker and Stan Cohen) aided the team's success. Indicative of this encouragement, McGill managed to fill its courtroom in Osgoode Hall to capacity for both of its motts. Next year they may just have to give us a bigger room.

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4. A GENERAL ASSEMBLY will take place on Wednesday, March 23rd, 1983 to meet the candidates.

5. Ballotting shall begin at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 24th, 1983 and end at 5:00 p.m. of the same day. All voters are requested to bring their I.D. cards to the polls. The ballotting box will be located on the first floor outside the Moot Court.

Anna Chang
Chief Returning Officer

Prof.J.White

Prof. James White of the University of Chicago will be visiting McGill on March 10 and 11. Mr. White is a graduate of Amherst College and the Harvard Law School who has been engaged in career law teaching for fifteen years. In addition to his law-teaching post at the University of Chicago, he holds professorships in that University's College and in its Committee on the Ancient Mediterranean World. His Law School courses include The Legal Imagination, Studies in Argument, and Criminal Law and Procedure. Publications include The Legal Imagination (1973) and

Constitutional Criminal Procedure (1976), together with a monographic study of the relationship of rhetoric to culture which is now in galley-proofs. During his visit to McGill, Mr. White will address Professor Cohen's Criminal Law II class on Thursday, March 10 at 1:00 a.m. (Room 101) on aspects of the American police power and the criminal justice system. He also will speak to Professor Baker's Canadian Legal History class on Friday, March 11 at 12 noon (Moot Court Room) on the relationship of rhetoric to legal culture. All students are welcome to attend either or both of these sessions.

Mighty Moigner at the Bat

Things looked mighty grim,
cause they were taking it on
the chin
For Frankelmoign Five that
day
The score was 27-25
With but minutes left to play.

So when Webster missed a
lay-up
And Fitzsimmons did the same
A hush fell over the crowd
Who sat and watched the game.

What with Wiseman out with
the flu
And Elliott hurting too
What were the boys to do
Was there any hope that they
would pull through.

And then from the West
Astride a mighty steed
Came Paul "Quick Draw" Dunn
Who unfortunately played
like a tired nun.

It seemed incredible
that defeat was inevitable
with so little time to go
As Anne and Jill
became ever so still,
the seconds ticked away
And then like a flash
Halickman took a pass
And soared through the air
like a bear.

The fans gasped
The players cheered, for the
impossible had not come to
pass
For the Frankelmoign, the
mighty Frankelmoign had not
struck out.

**From the last row in
Poetry 101**
Wayne Burrows

The Legal Information Research Group of McGill is accepting applications for summer positions until Friday, March 11. For further information about the project, see the sheets posted in the SAO and around the school.

Jessup

The McGill Jessup Team finished second in a field of 17 schools from across Canada in last week's Jessup International Law Moot held at Université de Montréal. In the final run-off against University of Toronto, McGill lost despite the fact that three out of five judges awarded McGill higher scores. McGill also placed second to U. of T. in their written arguments. Richard Janda was awarded the third best oralist prize in a field of some 70 pleaders. Congratulations are in order for our team of Alan Alexandroff, Allan Garber, Richard Janda, and Steven Sofer. This excellent showing in the largest mooting competition in Canada must also be credited to the faculty advisers, Profs. Simmonds and Vlasic, as well as to the help of Profs. Baker, de Mestral, H.P. Glenn, and Magdelenat. The assistance of Josée Gravel and David Hirsh of the Moot Court Board together with the support of the Dean and secretarial staff were invaluable.

LLB III Class Photo

NOTICE TO LLB III CLASS (POTENTIAL GRADS AND OTHERS).

CLASS PICTURE TO BE TAKEN ON THE STAIRS OF THE ARTS BLDG WED. MARCH 9/83 1:00 P.M. WEATHER PERMITTING.

PLEASE MEET AT 12:30 AT THE PORTER'S DESK SO WE CAN TAKE A HEAD COUNT BEFORE WE WALK OVER TO THE ARTS BLDG.

To: B.C.L. III

The majority of B.C.L. III students, graduating or otherwise, have indicated their preference for a Group Picture to commemorate our fine class. The photo session will be held on Wednesday March 16 from 12:00-2:00 at the Union Ballroom (Room 301). If all attend before 12:30 the session should not last for more than half an hour. All B.C.L. III students are encouraged to attend as there is no obligation to buy. Please participate in order to make it a truly commemorative affair.

Anthony Martino
Class President

Charter Opens Floodgates

The Moot Court Board Office has been swamped with petitions this past week since the proclamation of the Legalese Charter. These have come from both students and professors, the majority complaining of such serious offences as confusion, blandness and flogging within the Faculty. A significant number of petitions have also been laid pursuant to section 7(d) of the Act from anxious banking students.

It is expected that the test case for the Charter will concern a petition the Commission is currently investigating with respect to the Dean's office. Although further details are not available at this time, the case has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 15, at 7 p.m. in the Moot Court.

LETTERS

Preserving Chancellor Day

To The Editor,

Preservation of Old Chancellor Day Hall: Some Modest Proposals to the Faculty

Old Chancellor Day Hall is a remarkable building. It is the only piece of domestic architecture in Canada by Bruce Price, one of the foremost American architects of his day and the designer of a number of the most distinguished of the CP Stations and Hotels in Canada. The Law Faculty is privileged to possess Old Chancellor Day Hall, although collectively over the years, the McGill Administration, McGill professors and McGill students have done terrible things to the fabric of the building. I am concerned that we do whatever we can within the Law Faculty to preserve this building and I would ask you to reflect on the following issues.

The floors of the upper level of the Old Chancellor Day Hall are still not entirely covered by plastic. They are made of fine wood which is susceptible to water and salt damage. Many persons, professors and students alike, but of necessity more students because of their numbers, continue to come up to professors' offices and walk on the floors of the Old Chancellor Day Hall in wet and salty overboots. I would suggest that this is a most unfortunate practice and that all of us, professors and students alike, should stop at once and for good. Take off your dirty boots!

Everyone will have noticed that the doorway to the Chancellor Day Hall is a very fine massive wooden structure set in a beauti-

fully carved stone doorway. It was designed by the Maxwell brothers and installed in 1911. The Maxwell brothers were Montreal architects of very great and well-deserved repute. The Maxwell brothers did not design a doorway to be used and opened by 500 persons each day. The fact that it has survived since 1911 and for the last twelve years has been regularly opened many hundred of times on each week day is something of a miracle. This miracle will not last. I would ask you to reflect on whether we should not use other entrances to Old Chancellor Day Hall on a regular basis. There are different ways of approaching this problem. One would be to use different entrances, either the entrance to New Chancellor Day Hall, or the side entrance to Old Chancellor Day Hall to the right of the main door, which was done until some 12 years ago by all students. Another possibility would be to close the door entirely or to reserve its use for such distinguished persons such as the Dean or retired Deans such as F.R. Scott, or such members of the Faculty who feel absolutely unable to walk to other entrances available. If nothing is done to save this doorway we can all be assured that it will soon be replaced by a tasteful piece of modern aluminum and glass. Or perhaps something made out of plywood, if the McGill Physical Plant staff do their repairs with typical elegance.

A third problem concerns the fact that on winter days, particularly when it has snowed, students and Faculty walk in with wet and dirty boots and rapidly in

the morning a large pool of water forms not outside but inside the doors. Surely something can be done about this. A little self-control, a small detour or perhaps closing the door on those days might help to preserve the fabric of the building. The present situation where one has to walk through half an inch of water is surely not desirable.

I would not be in favour of having the Dean impose a solution since I believe that all users of the building should be consulted and certainly their willing assistance is required to preserve Old Chancellor Day Hall. I do however submit to you that the preservation of Old Chancellor Day Hall is a worthy objective and I would ask all Faculty and students to give some thought to this question.

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This is a Paid Political Announcement

On March 1st at about 3 a.m. I received a phone call from David Wiseman. He told me that he just had the most horrible nightmare, that I was elected LSA President. I immediately came to the conclusion that God had sent this message and I accepted the nomination.

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Course Evaluation Week March 14 - 18

Evaluations for 2nd Term and full year courses will be held throughout the week of March 14 - 18. Your comments and constructive criticism are always appreciated.